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SUBJECT

Reconstitution of the Committee of the
Chamarajendra Technical Institute

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To

Director. 112 (ii) Bombay
members of Committee

Direct shall the Advisory and Visiting
Committee of the Chamarajendra
Tech. Institute be reconsti-
tuted with the following
proposed

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Reference:- Mr. Ranganatha Rao Saheb's letter of the 17th instant to the Private Secretary to the Dewan regarding the Technical Institute at Mysore.

An Advisory and Visiting Committee for guiding and supervising the work of the Institute was constituted in Government Order dated 1st October 1924. The term of this Committee was fixed at two years which expired on 30th September last. For about five months, therefore, the Institute has been working without a Committee at all. A new Committee has now to be constituted.

It is well to have as members of the new Committee gentlemen who can be expected to advise us on the following points:-

(1) The relations to be maintained between ordinary education institutions and this Technical Institution;

(2) Provision of employment for students trained in the Institute;

(3) The kinds of articles to be made in the Institute and the markets in which they can be disposed of;

and (4) Experts ^{advice} on one or other of the arts taught in the Institute.

3 The personnel of the new Committee may be as under:-

Sir Charles Todhunter, K.C.S.I. President

Members.

The Superintendent, Loco Deptt., Mysore Ry.
The Executive Engineer, Spl. Divn., Mysore
One European gentleman of a Missionary Institution at Mysore.

Mr. B. Sitaramachar, Essenflour Products,
Mr. B. Venkatappa, Painter.

The Superintendent of the Institute to be ex-officio Secretary.

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4 Before, however, passing final orders on this matter, the opinion of the Director of Industries & Commerce may be called for. The Technical Institute is under him.

Secy.

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I agree

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6 The Dir of I & C may be consulted. He may suggest other or additional names, if he considers necessary.

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7 Forwarded, with compliments, to the Director of Industries & Commerce for favour of remarks.

By order

W. S. S. S. S.

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Forwarded with compliments:-

I discussed the subject relating to the appointment of a Visiting Committee to the Chamarajendra Technical Institute with Sir Charles Toddhunter when he was in Bangalore. The

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discussions were embodied in a note which I forwarded to Sir Charles. I enclose copy of the note, herewith, along with the letter from Sir Charles Todhunter from Mysore.

9 I am of opinion that it would be advisable to appoint a committee not only for the Chamarajendra Technical Institute but for all the activities of the Dept. connected with the development of the Art in districts of the State. This would not only afford a helpful and much-needed direction for progress in right lines to our artistic handicrafts but would also improve the efficiency of the Chamarajendra Technical Institute also.

10 I submit that the personnel of the committee as suggested by Sir Charles Todhunter would be admirable for the purpose.

11 If these ^{views are accepted} ~~proposals~~ ~~made~~ ~~are~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ nature, I shall submit formal proposals in regard to the points raised by Sir Charles Todhunter in his letter of 4.3.27.

Ranganatha Rao Sahib

Secy. Dev. Dept.

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12 The Committee is to concern itself with all the "art" activities of the Dept. of Ind. & ~~and~~ is to consist of:

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1. Sir. Chas. Tothunter (Chairman)

2. Lady Tothunter

3. Lady Pukamun Chetty

4. Mrs. Simonsen

5. Mr. P. Raghavendra Rao

6. Mr. M. Sharma Rao

7. Mr. S. G. Forbes

8. Mr. C. Ranganatha Rao Sahib (Secretary)

13. This Committee is to meet two or three times a year. The personnel is suggested by Sir C. Tothunter & accepted by the Dir. of P.C.

There is to be a Working Committee of three - select 2 of the members of the larger Committee. Perhaps

Perhaps - Mrs. Simonsen

Sir Chas. Tothunter

Mr. C. Ranganatha Rao Sahib.

(The suggestion as to the personnel of the working Committee is mine)

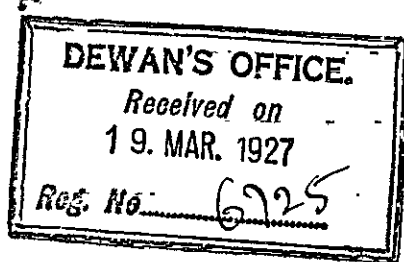
15. There is no doubt that the functioning of a Committee consisting of people who may be expected to be in touch with the most recent movements of taste and fashion will be of inestimable value in the development of art. Art will cease to live, unless it is in intimate touch with the evolution of aesthetic taste.

16. The functions of the Committee will be to

(1) select and indicate good models & suitable raw material for furniture & art pottery effective patterns and styles for textiles

(2) lay down or at least outline the policy for the Institute & art workshops & approve of programmes

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(3) Scrutinise & approve of curricula
of arts schools

(4) Look into the budget estimates, and
see that adequate provision is proposed for
the carrying out the programme approved
for the year. (Sir C. Tothamter lays stress
on providing for stocks of materials and
funds, and for a campaign of publicity)

The main features of work & policy
will probably be decided by the larger
Committee, & the working Committee will
be concerned with working out details.

The proposal seems admirable, &
may be so.

(St. Frimber
Dewan)

16/3/27

20 * Mr Wolinski.
I believe the Dir of GRC has
some intention of putting
him in charge of the arts
section of the workshop
KZ

There is a ^{Good} ~~very~~ artist in
Bangalore whose name was mentioned
in another file - a Polish Jew. I think
or thought he would be to have him
as an - the General Committee.

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21 Mr. as h. sub. to H.H.
from Mr. Jm
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26 D.F.N. ap'd. After
Mr. Wolenskes' appt
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attend the meetings
give his own ideas

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Final Note by the First Member of Council.

Subject :—

Reconstitution of the Advisory Committee of the Chamarajendra Technical Institute, Mysore.

V The term of the Advisory and Visiting Committee of the Chamarajendra Technical Institute, constituted in the Government Order of 1st October 1924, expired by October last. The opportunity may be taken to so reconstitute the Committee that it shall be competent not only to influence the work of the Chamarajendra Technical Institute but to concern itself usefully with all the activities of the Industries and Commerce Department which aim at the development of art. There is no doubt that the co-operation of a Committee of people ~~of approved artistic taste~~ who are in touch with the most recent developments in the world of art would be of inestimable value in giving the right direction to our own endeavour in that Department. -S

30 It is proposed, in consultation with the Director of Industries, to appoint the following ladies and gentlemen as members of the Advisory Committee and to assign to ^{the Committee} ~~them~~ the functions specified below : -

Committee Members.

Sir Charles Todhunter (Chairman).
Lady Todhunter,
Lady Puttanna Chetty,
Mrs. Simonsen,
Mr. P. Raghavendra Rao,
" M. Shama Rao,
" S. G. Forbes.
" C. Ranganatha Rao Sahib, (Secretary).

Functions.

- (i) Select and indicate good models and suitable raw materials for furniture and art works and also suggest effective patterns and styles for textiles;
- (ii) To lay down or at least outline the policy for the Chamarajendra Technical Institute and Art Workshops and approve of programme;
- (iii) To scrutinise and approve of curricula of Arts-Schools, and -me
- (iv) To look into the budget estimates and see that adequate provision is made for carrying out the programme approved for the year.

31. This Committee will meet two or three times a year and decide the main features of work and policy of the institutions concerned. The

The details will be attended to by a small working Committee of three selected by the main body from among themselves.

✓ I submit the above proposals for His Highness' gracious approval..

B a n g a l o r e. 1
4th April 1927. 0

N. Caudet
MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

Submitted to His Highness.

33 I submit herewith a Final Note by the First
 Member of Council on the subject of Reconstitution
of the Advisory Committee of the Chamarajendra Technical
Institute, Mysore.

for His Highness' gracious approval.

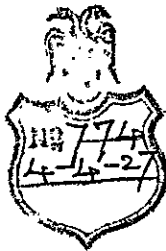
Mirza M. Ismail
 Dewan.

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Record of Cases submitted for the Orders
of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

Reconstitution of the Advisory
Committee of the Chamarajendra
Technical Institute, Mysore.



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Order.

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20 Mrs. Metcalfe

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Enquires whether she is willing to
serve on the committee

From Mrs. Metcalfe 15.4.27

Intimates that she is willing to
serve on the committee

Sub? with a ^{typed} draft for constitution
the committee

From
16.4.27

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1st Member
✓ Dewan

(Please see changes made. As 19/4/27
ladies are on the committee UR 19/4
that is & the coll is
purely non-special. That
is better than should be request
than order & both equally effective)

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To Director, H.C.

Comptroller to Govt

Members of the Committee.

Direct, that the Advisory and Visiting
Committee of the C.F. I. be reconstituted
with the following gentlemen as members and
state that the term of the committee shall
be for a period of two years.

1. Sir Chander Iodhank, K.C. S.D. (Chairman)
2. Lady Iodhank, 3. Lady Puttanna Chetty
4. Mr. S. S. Mekarfa, 5. Dewan Bahadur
- P. Raghavendra Rao, 6. Rao Bahadur
- Mr. Shama Rao, 7. Mr. S. S. Fortson
8. Mr. C. Ranganatha Rao, Secy

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR,

Bangalore, dated the 17th Feby 1927.

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Dear Mr. Ramachandra Rao,

I have received with your D.O: of the 15th instant a copy of Dewan's letter to sir Charles Todhunter, and I enclose for favour of submission to the Dewan, a copy of my letter to sir Charles Todhunter as well as to Mr. Alderton.

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18/2/27

Yours sincerely,

Ranganatha Rao Sahib

M. S. Ramachandra Rao, Esq., B.A.,
Private Secretary to the Dewan of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE.

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17-2-27

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR,

Bangalore, dated the.....17th Feb. 1927

My dear Sir,

I have received a copy of the letter which the Dewan has sent to you requesting your kind interest in the Chamarajendra Technical Institute. I have taken charge of the Department of Industries on the 28th of last month. I propose to go to Mysore and call on you soon after the session of the Legislative Council is over. In the meanwhile, I am writing to Mr. H. G. Alderton, Superintendent of the Chamarajendra - Technical Institute, to wait upon you and furnish you all the information that you require.

Yours sincerely

(RM)

Sir Charles Todhunter, K.C.S.I.,
Private Secretary to H. H. The Maharaja of Mysore,
Mysore.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE.

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17.2.27

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR,

Bangalore, dated the...17th..Feb.,....1927.

Dear Mr Alderton

I enclose for your information copy of a letter written by the Dewan to Sir Charles Todhunter as well as my letter to him. May I request you to kindly call upon Sir Charles Todhunter and furnish him with all information that he may want. I hope to be able to go to Mysore soon after the session of the Legislative - Council, when I dare say you will give me your assistance to get myself personally acquainted with the work of the Institute.

Yours sincerely

CRS

H. G. Alderton, Esq.,
Superintendent,
Chamarajendra Technical Institute,
Mysore.

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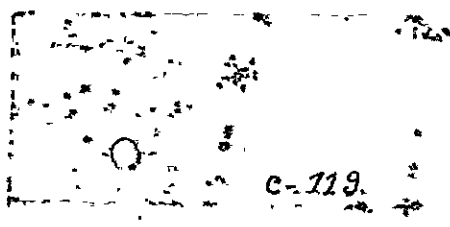
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THE PALACE,

BANGALORE.

February 26, 1927

Dear Mr. Ranganatha Rao Sahab,

I have deferred replying your letter about the Chamarajendra Technical Institute as I was coming in here, and being here didn't want to trouble you until the session was over. Now that you are free, I shall be very glad if you can have a talk with me about the matter any time between now and Friday next. Perhaps it would be convenient to you to look in on your way to Office, and I would arrange to be in if you would telephone over, and let me know in advance when I may expect you.

Yours sincerely,

Chamarajendra

*To-morrow
11 Am.*

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1927.5
The Palace, Mysore,

4th March 1927.

Dear Mr. Ranganatha Rao Sahab,

I am returning herewith, with many thanks, your file regarding the Committee to supervise the work of the Chamarajendra Technical Institute.

I think your note deals most admirably with the case, but, since you have asked me for suggestions for amplifying it, would invite attention to the following points on which I think perhaps a little more stress might be laid:—

(1.) The question of advertisement and the opening up¹ markets for all products of the State industries including, not only industries with which the Committee will be directly connected, but also soaps, jail products and products of such institutions as the Institute for the Deaf and Blind.

(2.) The question of finance. Here you confine the Committee's functions to advising on the budgets. I think, however, that it is desirable to lay stress on the necessity for a considerable working capital for the purpose of laying in stocks of materials and building up stocks of manufactured goods so as to be in a position to meet orders. At the same time, if any real progress is to be effected, there will be needed a big campaign of advertisement and a periodical illustrated price-list.

(3.) You have suggested a medium sized committee, meeting once a month, but I think we have agreed since that it would be better to have a fairly large committee for occasional meetings, say, two or three times a year, and a small working committee to deal with all business questions as they arise.

As regards the personnel, you suggested that Mr. Forbes was an

essential members and I quite agree. I think you suggested Mr. Raghavendra Rao and Mr. Shama Rao as representatives of Indian opinion, and I would propose the name of Mrs. Simonsen as being a lady who would be likely to take much interest in the work. With her it would be desirable to have an Indian Lady, and perhaps Lady Puttanna Chetty might be asked to fill the place. This would make a total Committee of eight, in addition to which perhaps we might have a working committee consisting of three of them.

I was immensely interested in all you showed me yesterday and hope it will be the first of many occasions on which you will keep me in touch with the numerous schemes you have for speeding up the industries of the State.

Yours sincerely,

C. G. D. M. M.

Note

The General Technical Institute at home is placed under the control of the Director of Industries. Its objects are to provide a training in technical design as applied to industry and artistic treatment. It is also to be a center for the collection and distribution of technical information. It is also to be a center for the collection and distribution of technical information.

4. Besides the Institute, there are other concerns under the Director having the same objects in view. The first is the Technical Library, which is to be a center for the collection and distribution of technical information. The second is the Technical Museum, which is to be a center for the collection and distribution of technical information. The third is the Technical Workshop, which is to be a center for the collection and distribution of technical information. The fourth is the Technical School, which is to be a center for the collection and distribution of technical information. The fifth is the Technical Laboratory, which is to be a center for the collection and distribution of technical information. The sixth is the Technical Office, which is to be a center for the collection and distribution of technical information. The seventh is the Technical Store, which is to be a center for the collection and distribution of technical information. The eighth is the Technical Factory, which is to be a center for the collection and distribution of technical information. The ninth is the Technical Warehouse, which is to be a center for the collection and distribution of technical information. The tenth is the Technical Distribution Center, which is to be a center for the collection and distribution of technical information.

5. It would also be advisable to appoint a committee to advise the Director not only in regard to the conduct of the training, collections and the carrying out of studies, and the technical work at the Institute, but also on the larger problems of design and artistic treatment in all industrial arts etc. and in the concerns under his charge. The success of the training imparted at the Institute will be largely judged by the business result of the factory sections attached to the Institute and the Art Workshop and the

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it is desirable therefore that the Committee should consist of members who are in intimate touch with all changes in public taste in matters of decorative design and should be competent to advise the Director as to the direction in which he should aim to achieve technical excellence in his workshops and the teaching institutions.

4. There is very great prospect of remunerative employment in the making of good furniture, one of the most important of handicraft arts, and the Committee such as the one contemplated may not only be able to select good models but also help in the selection of models of a high quality. It should be possible to manufacture in the weaving sector, textile fabrics of simple and effective coloring and all accessories and ornamentation.

5. The Committee may consist of about five members under the chairmanship of the Director, according to his liking and the necessity. It should have a good businessman who has some experience of the markets for the products of handicraft arts and also some two women - one of whom may, preferably be a lady - who have insight to knowledge of public taste in artistic matters etc. The Director of Industries may be asked to keep all papers relating to the work of the Committee. One Indian gentleman with special knowledge of Oriental taste may be nominated to the Committee.

The Committee may meet once a month and review the work done in all the concerns devoted to industrial arts under the Director. It should lay down a policy for each of the concerns and approve of the -

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the programme of work. It will scrutinise and approve the curricula of studies at the on. para. general technical institute and other training sections under the Department. The budget of annual receipts and expenditure for each of the concerns will be placed before the Committee by the Director and submitted to Government with their views.

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THE PALACE,
MYSORE.

April 8, 1927.

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My dear Mirza,

In returning herewith your file on the subject of the reconstruction of the Advisory Committee of the Chamarajendra Technical Institute, I am directed to invite your attention to the enclosed copy of an article in the 'Hindu' from which it would appear that Dr. Simonsen is leaving the Institute of Science, so that it is unlikely that his wife will be available to serve on the Committee.

I have tried to think another lady of taste who could fill her place, and the best name I can suggest is that of Mrs. Metcalfe. I am afraid she has a good deal of public work already on hand, but that involved on members of the General Committee would not be very much, and in any case you would no doubt ascertain whether she would be willing to serve before appointing her.

Yours sincerely,

Godwin

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THE HINDU, MONDAY, APRIL 4, 1927.

THE INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE A CHANCE FOR INDIANISATION

(By Mr. D. V. GUNDAPPA, Editor of
The Karnataka, Bangalore City.)

It is understood that Dr. J. L. Simonsen, Professor of Organic Chemistry in the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore has resigned his place there, owing to reasons not likely to be interesting to the public. This resignation will be viewed as a serious loss to the Institute by all those who have had any opportunities to know of the worth and work of Dr. Simonsen. By his high zeal for the advancement of science in India and his single-minded devotion to the pursuit of studies in his special line, as well as by his willingness to help and guide the students, he had come to be looked upon as a model for his colleagues and as a source of inspiration to younger workers. His eminent attainments and brilliant record of work brought a rare prestige to the Institute; and those who know how sorely it stands in need of this prestige, cannot but regret his resignation with a double poignancy. It would have been worth the while of the Council of the Institute to have persuaded him to reconsider his resignation by offering him any necessary inducements. But in the present constitution of the authorities of the institute, it is perhaps useless to look for any such evidence of personal solicitude and extra regard for worth and merit. As we pointed out in our comments on the new constitution of the Institute (vide, the "Karnataka" for May, 1926), those authorities are made to function only in a blind, and mechanical way, there being no unity of responsibility anywhere and no fear for anyone of having to face punishment for failure or neglect.

The Council of the Institute met recently to consider the above and other matters. What conclusions it arrived at is not known to the public. But there are strong reasons to suspect that the decisions must have been shaped very largely by its European section Sir P. C. Roy, Professors C. V. Raman and Wali Mahomed, Sir P. S. Sivaswami Aiyar, and one or two others are all that could be trusted to stand up for the cause of Indianisation on appropriate occasions, the representatives of the Durbar and the University of Mysore being generally inclined to take the cue from the Hon'ble the British Resident.

The Indian cause thus comes to be almost always in a minority. It is not improbable that the Council in accordance with the provisions of the new constitution, has decided to appoint two Selection Committees, one in India and another in England, and to advertise for applicants for the Professorship that will become vacant. Whatever it be, it is incumbent upon the Viceroy, who is the supreme arbiter in the affairs of the Institute, that he should take public opinion seriously into consideration before sanctioning the recommendations of the Council. In the hope that His Excellency will be pleased to do so, we venture to offer a remark or two as to the manner of filling up the vacancy caused by Dr. Simonsen's resignation.

Regrettable in itself as it is, the resignation opens out an opportunity to take a step forward in Indianising the staff of the Institute. To put it briefly, our suggestion is that Dr. M. O. Forster, F. R. S., the present Director of the Institute, who is himself an organic chemist of international reputation, should be asked to take up the work of Professor of Organic Chemistry; that he should be provided with the services of a well-qualified Registrar to relieve him of the routine of administration; that he should be given also the services of an assistant Professor with high qualifications for looking after the routine side of his academical work; and that this assistant professor should be chosen from among the Indian chemists available. Such an arrangement would result in some financial economy, which is not in itself a thing to be despised in the present state of the Institute's resources; but what is very much more it will mark the beginning of an important policy for which the country has been long crying.

THE DIRECTORS' POST

It is obviously a grievous waste of resources to have a Director on Rs. 5,000 a month (plus a retiring allowance of 10 per cent.) merely for the purpose of running the administration. The man who runs the administration of the State of Mysore does not get that salary. The peculiar merit of the Director of the Institute which entitles him to that high salary is his skill to inspire and guide Science research—his academical work, in other words. Of this, however, Dr. Forster now appears to be giving next to nothing. It cannot be supposed for a moment that the responsibility of managing his colleagues takes up much of his time; for they are all men of distinction in their several lines, carefully selected and handsomely paid; and they must be taken to have the sense or responsibility necessary to make the Director's close supervision superfluous. In fact, his business is to co-ordinate the work of the Institute rather

than to play the policeman over them. And it is not to be supposed that the students give him too much trouble either. They are all young men with university degrees and with some sense of responsibility; and the managing of them, limited as they are in number, is nothing like the managing of a high school or a college. Thus, the responsibility of conducting the administration of the institute cannot by any means be supposed to be so very taxing and heavy as to require all the time and all the energies of the director. Very probably, there is a certain amount of routine which consumes much of his time and leaves in him a feeling of overwork at the end of the day. But it is surely possible to give him relief in this respect. We wonder whether the Council of the Institute or any other authority has ever taken the trouble of inspecting the office of the Director. It is really hard if the Director himself has got to write out the draft of every little letter or memo that he may have to send out in the usual course of business. He must have a properly qualified manager or assistant to carry on the ordinary correspondence, to look after the accounts, to maintain the records and to make the necessary references and statistics readily available. If there is a competent staff of clerks under a proper office-manager, all this will become easy; and much of the Director's time and attention will thereby be released for work in the laboratory.

It is true that Dr. Forster gives some of his time to confabulations with students and that that serves to keep them in good humour. He is described as a very witty and sociable person, full of geniality and winning tact. These qualities no doubt enable him to hush the voice of complaint among the students. But is that an adequate return for the Rs. 5,000? The average Indian post-graduate is a tired and weary person, inordinately eager for leisure and relaxation and amusement. If he could possibly put off hard work without drawing anybody's wrath upon himself, he would be glad to do so. Is such a young man likely to be made better merely by the Director's display of social graces? A more robust inspiration is undoubtedly necessary for it; and such inspiration can be generated only by exemplary devotion on his own part to the pursuits of the laboratory. Eminent scientist as he is, Dr. Forster's resumption of regular and systematic work in the laboratory will be a three-fold blessing; it will advance chemical research; it will heighten the prestige of the Institute further; and it will be an object-lesson to professors and students alike.

Let us hope the importance of these considerations will not be lost sight of by the Viceroy and his advisers when they have to consider the question of filling up the vacancy at the Institute. By an improper exercise of authority, the previous Council of the

Institute is said to have thought fit to sanction Dr. Forster's premature application for an extension of his term of office by three years—that is to the end of 1930. If that be so, the work accomplished and more than that the salutary tradition set by work in the laboratory during the three years of extension at least will be some return for all the large sums paid to Dr. Forster out of the Institute's coffers.

CHEMICAL RESEARCH

It cannot be argued that there is no Indian chemist competent to take the place of assistant professor under Dr. Forster. Of late years, the study of chemistry has advanced far and is making a rapid headway in India, thanks to the stimulus and guidance given by researchers like Sir P. C. Ray. There is a growing number of researchers in chemistry in Bengal; and there are successful workers in other parts also. What they need is opportunity and facility for putting their talent to use and proving their worth. If the great object of the founder of the institute should be respected, and if Indian intelligence should ever obtain its fair chance, a beginning must be made to-day with the best man available however much he may fall short of the ideal. Time and opportunity are sure to improve him; and what is more, when the time comes for him to retire we may be sure of finding one better to succeed him. In fact, such an instance of recognition of worth will give an impetus for exertion and achievement to the entire body of Indian Science workers. And thus, the utilisation of the present opportunity at the institute to appoint an Indian assistant professor of Organic Chemistry is an essential part of what should be the national policy in India,—namely, the Indianisation of the public services.

While on this point, it gives us much pleasure to state that the Council of the Institute is said to have followed this policy in selecting an assistant professor for the department of Electro-Technology at the Institute. This subject, we understand, was discussed at the last meeting of the council; and its choice has fallen on an Indian Electrician and chemist of brilliant European and American qualifications. He is a young man of the sort that can enthuse his co-workers and students, and we have no doubt he will prove an acquisition to the Institute if he will only make up his mind to join its service.

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Mrs Metcalfe
Cen Cole House

Please ascertain
Mrs Metcalfe's
interests &
put them
in

W.R.
11.4.27

Madam,

It is proposed to appoint you a
member of the Advisory Comtee
the Chaurajendra Technical
Institute, the main ^{function} ~~work~~ of
which will be to give a ^{function} ~~direction~~
direction to the art work of that
institute & the institutions of
the ITC Dept. by means
of suggestions & advice Govt.
are aware that you have a
good deal of public work already
on hand, but as that involved
in membership of the Comtee
would not be very heavy, they
trust that you will ^{agree} ^{accept} ~~be~~
~~be~~ ~~willing~~ to
serve on it. I am beguist
the favouring an early reply
Yrs sincerely

W.R.

Reps: 8
11/16/47

GEN. & REV. SECRETARY
10 APR 1947
DEVELOPMENT BRANCH

15.4.27

H. Rama Rao Esq

Dear Sir

In reply to your
letter of 13th April, I
shall have much
pleasure in serving as
a member of the Advisory
Committee of the
Chamara Perdra
Technical Institute
Yours sincerely
Ed. Metcalfe

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G.O. No. IC.2394-2460/I&C.54-22-102 dated
1-10-1924 sanctioning the formation of an Ad-
visory Committee for the Chamarajendra Techni-
cal Institute, Mysore.

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2, U.O. Note No. G.912 dated 14-3-1927 from
the Director I&C., regarding the reconstitution
of the above Committee.

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Order No. D. 9172-81

Dated, Bangalore 25/3

*25-4-27
Signed as per
reconstituted*

The term of the Advisory and Visiting Com-
mittee of the C.T.I., constituted in Government
Order of 1-10-1924 expired by October last.
Government consider that ~~the opportunity should~~
~~be taken to so reconstitute the Committee that~~
it shall be competent not only to influence the
work of the C.T.I., but also to concern itself
usefully with all the activities of the Deptt-
of I&C., which aim at the development of art.

Govt. are accordingly pleased to reconsti-
tute the Committee with the following ladies and
and gentlemen as members.

- Sir Charles Todhunter (Chairman)
- Lady Todhunter.
- Lady Puttanna Chetty.
- Mrs. E.G. Metcalfe
- Mr. P. Raghavendra Rao.
- " M. Shama Rao,
- " S.G. Forbes,
- " C. Ranganatha Rao Sahib (Secretary)

The term of the com. will be for a period of two years.

The functions of the Committee ~~would be~~

The Committee is requested to

- (1) select and indicate good models and
suitable raw materials for furniture and art

*-will be glad if
Govt consider desirable that the
reconstituted Committee, besides
of fund raising work, should
be taken on the work of
all the activities of the Deptt-
of I&C which aim at the
development of art.*

works and also suggest effective patterns and styles for textiles;

(ii) lay down or at least outline the policy for the C.T.I. and Art Workshops and approve of programmes;

(iii) scrutinise and approve of curricula of Arts Schools, and

(iv) look into the budget estimates and see that adequate provision is made for ~~the~~ carrying out the programme approved for the year.

may
The ~~Committee~~ ^{may} meet two or three times a year and decide the main features of work and policy ~~and~~ of the institutions concerned. The details ^{may} ~~will~~ be attended to by a small working committee of three selected by the main body from among themselves.

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Secretary to Government,
Development Departments.

To
The Director of Industries and Commerce
The Comptroller to Government,
The Members of the Committee.

BRS

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